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**A History of the Rosedale Public Library**

The Rosedale Public Library started out in the home of Alma Morris until 1935, when it moved into a newly renovated room in the Court House under the guidance of West Bolivar County Library Director Lorene Rush Goza. During the renovation, the library was operated out of a borrowed bookmobile at the Court House. Ms. Goza was succeeded by Rosa Belle Shelby in December 1940.

Newly decorated, the library had an Open House on June 7, 1959, that featured Benoit author George Patterson, who autographed his book *Out on Egypt Ridge*. Bobbette Farrar was the librarian at this time and was succeeded upon her retirement in 1973 by Vivia Lorange Michael, who served until 1979.

In 1979, the library moved from the Court House to its present building on Front Street. The building was designed by Kaplan & Oakland, who won awards for their innovative design, and built by Roy Collins Construction. The librarian in 1979 was Elizabet McCreary Myrick, who was succeeded by Joyce Applegate in 1986.

The library received a thorough renovation in the fall of 2017 through the determined efforts of the Friends of Rosedale. The renovation was spearheaded by BCLS Library Board member Becky Lewis, who was awarded a 2017 Mississippi Library Association Champion Award in recognition for her dedication. An Open House was held on January 26, 2018, to celebrate the renovation. At the Open House, the Friends of Rosedale recognized former librarian Joyce Applegate with a plaque for her 20 years (1986-2006) of dedicated service and named the meeting room "The Joyce Applegate Room."

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Martha Lawson has been the librarian since 2007. Martha received the Mississippi Library Association's Mary Julia Anderson Award in 2015 for her tireless dedication to the library field and her patrons. The library is open Monday & Wednesday from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday from 1-5 p.m., and Friday from 12-5 p.m.



**Rosedale Courthouse**

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## Introducing hoopla!



We are pleased to announce we've added hoopla to our digital offerings for our patrons. A digital borrowing service, hoopla is for public libraries that allows patrons to access and checkout eBooks, eAudios, movies, TV series, magazines, and comics for free.

With a BCLS library card, adult patrons can checkout up to three items per month—any combination of formats and download the digital content onto any of their personal devices, including iPads, iPhones, Android devices, Nooks, Kindle Fire, PC, AppleTV, Roku, FireTV and Chromecast.

The nice thing about hoopla is everything on hoopla is always available for checkout at any moment. You'll never have to wait for someone to return a title you want to read.

To get started you may access hoopla from our Catalog on our website to read on your computer or laptop, or you go to your app store and download the free hoopla app to read on your mobile device. Once you are in the hoopla portal or have opened the app, you will have to search for and select the "Bolívar County Library System" as your library,

then enter your library card number (the barcode number on the back of your library card entered without spaces) and your password/PIN.

As with Boundless, In order to comply with Mississippi Code, §39-3-25, access to hoopla is not available for those under the age of 18. Instead, a parent can create child profiles on their Hoopla accounts for their children.

Go to our website or contact us at 662.843.2774 if you have any questions about hoopla and/or navigating the hoopla app.

*I have this book club,  
and we don't read one  
book; we offer up a  
few suggestions and  
create a library over  
time.*

~Claire Danes

## Calendar

October 20th, 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th, December 1st, 8th, & 15th—**Story Hour** @ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

November 8th, December 13th, January 9th—**STEM & MakerSpace Activities** on the Second Wednesday of each Month from 3:45-4:45 p.m.—Open to Public at Robinson-Carpenter

November 10th-12th—**Veterans Day**—All Libraries Will Be CLOSED

November 15th, December 20th, January 17th—**Library Commission Meeting** @ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

November 15th, December 20th, January 17th—**Board of Trustees Meeting** @ 1:30

p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

November 22nd @ 1 p.m.—November 26th—**Thanksgiving**—All Libraries Will Be CLOSED

December 5th, February 6th, April 2nd—**Seniors Day Out! on the First Tuesday Every Other Month** @ 10—11:30 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

## Seniors Day Out!

Our most recent Seniors Day Out! program was on October 3rd and we had a houseful, as you can see by the photo—62 participants in all!



If you haven't heard, Seniors Day Out! is a program for older adults who want to get out and meet new people, have some fun playing BINGO, and maybe win a prize, too.

Seniors Day Out! is offered in February, April, August, October, and December on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library. We put up flyers in the library to announce each program, as well as announcing it on Facebook.

Our next program is December 5th @ 10 a.m. We hope to see you there!

## Pink Out Cleveland!



October 18th was Pink Out Cleveland! Day.

## September was National Library Card Sign-Up Month

Look who received their first library cards in September!



## Looking for a Good Book?

**Emily:** *Verity* by Colleen Hoover. Struggling writer Lowen Ashleigh has just been hired to the job of a lifetime: completing the novels of acclaimed author Verity Crawford. Soon she finds herself entangled in Verity's past—and entertaining hopes for a future with Verity's husband Jeremy. The story has many twists and turns, and I was not expecting the ending. Forewarning, the novel can be graphic (sex and violence), but it is well worth reading. (Fiction—Print)

**Martha:** *The Nurse* by Jenna Kernan. The story begins with a young nurse applying for a private nursing job for a respected psychiatrist to care for the doctor's mentally ill wife. As she takes the job, she realizes that things are not what they seem to be! This is a complex thriller that has so many twists and turns. A great book that keeps you reading till the very—shocking—end. This is one of the best books I've read in a long time. If you like thrillers, this is the book for you! I highly recommend it. (Fiction—eAudio)

**Cindy:** *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover. So good, I couldn't put it down! The characters Lily, Ryle, and Atlas are so relatable that you fall in love with each. Atlas is Lily's first love and a link to the past she has left behind. Ryle deeply loves Lily, but his past has scarred him so he will never be able to be the person Lily needs. The story weaves us through their lives and the heart wrenching decisions they must make. *It Ends With Us* is an emotional rollercoaster, that leaves you heartbroken and wanting more. There has to be more... The sequel *It Starts With Us* gives a bit of closure. The movie *It Ends With Us* releases early in 2024! (Fiction—Print, Large Print & eBook)

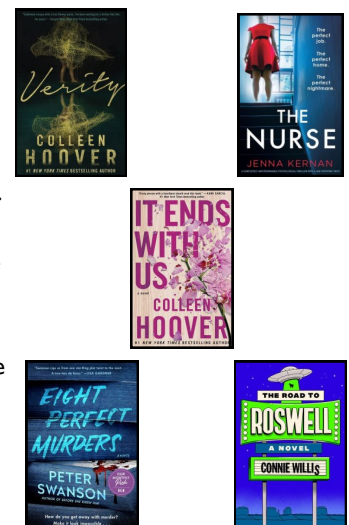
**Tamara:** *Eight Perfect Murders* by Peter Swanson. If you love a good mystery that keeps you guessing, read this novel. Malcolm, who co-owns and works at the Old Devils Bookstore, is surprised when he is contacted by an FBI agent about some murders. The agent suspects that a serial killer is

using an old list titled "The Eight Perfect Murders" that Malcolm created for the bookstore's blog as a blueprint for murder. Malcolm questions why he was targeted and if it has something to do with his wife's death five years before... If you love Agatha Christie and Patricia Highsmith, you'll love this, too! (Fiction—Print)

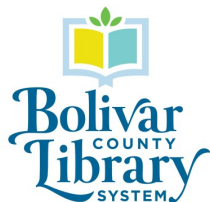
**Tamara:** *The Road to Roswell* by Connie Willis. There is a reason that Willis is a Grand Master of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America—she's imaginative, original, and funny. Francie arrives in Roswell, New Mexico, to be her BFF's maid of honor—again, this time at her UFO-themed wedding to UFO believer. Francie hopes to talk her out of another disaster. That is, until she is abducted by an alien—that's when things get a little weird. I couldn't put this down! If you love *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Men in Black*, UFO conspiracy theories, etc., you'll love this funny, heartwarming adventure. (Fiction—Print & eBook)

*I spent many, many hours in the stack at the University of Washington library just wandering around, when my dad was working, as a kid.*

~Paul Allen







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## Some Bolivar County History. . .

### "Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden"

*The last excerpt left off at the end of the "Postmasters."*

#### "Building Eras

The first brick buildings were constructed in 1887-1888, the jail and the first Bank of Rosedale. The bank was built by Charles Scott and was the first bank in Bolivar County. The first two-story residence was built by Mr. Scott. It was an attractive white frame structure and occupied the block where the Presbyterian Church now stands. The new brick courthouse was built in 1889. At this time J. F. Barnes, contractor for the courthouse, built the residences of Walter Sillers, Mrs. E. A. Kirk, Dr. J. W. Dulaney, and others. They were warm gracious homes with wide halls, spacious rooms, and high ceilings. Mrs. Sillers still lives in the Sillers home and it is little changed. Dr. Dulaney's home is now owned by Mrs. Rosa Belle Shelby. The Kirk home burned in 1913. The Roberts home was built in 1892. It is a large two story frame house and was bought by Mr. Roberts about 1896.

In 1890 a grand ball was held in the new courthouse in celebration of its completion. People came by steamboat, horseback, and carriage, as well as by train. It was an established custom for the Delta people to dance in their halls of justice. In 1923, when another new courthouse was built, another grand ball was held to celebrate its opening. Rosedale adheres still to this delightful old custom. A farewell ball was held in the Rosedale courthouse on Christmas night, 1941, just before the boys marched off to war. On Christmas night, 1945, a Victory Ball, in honor of the returning veterans, was held. The courtroom was decorated in Christmas greens and mistletoe. A magnificent tree reaching to the ceiling, occupied the center of the judge's stand. Outside, the façade of the building was aglow with colored lights; over the clock space was a large "V", and above the doorway a "WELCOME HOME" in colored lights. More than three hundred service men and their ladies, from all over the Delta, attended this ball. Receiving at the door were: Mrs. Harry Ogden, Victory Ball chairman, and Mr. Ogden; Mayor J. L. Wilson; H. H. McGowen, president of the Board of Supervisors, and Mrs. McGowen; Walter Sillers, Speaker of the House of Representatives."

In 1893 a tornado, still remembered by old timers as the "cyclone of '93" swept the town and demolished many buildings. But Rosedale built again. In 1901 the business district was destroyed by fire. This disaster produced another building era and stimulated Rosedale's progress. Most of the brick buildings on Court street, including the Sillers Building and the Valley Bank, were built at this time."

Excerpt from *History of Bolivar County, Mississippi* (DAR, 1948) by Florence Warfield Sillers, et al.

**This excerpt will continue with Rosedale's Early Settlers in the next newsletter.**

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